



SENATOR RUNNER'S WEEK IN REVIEW

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Hold Elected Officials Accountable by Voting

Election Day is next Tuesday, November 7. Since the re-election of Governor Gray Davis in 2002, California has held a statewide election every year. This includes the historic recall election in 2003. So it is understandable that Californians are feeling some weariness.

Unfortunately, election fatigue can also bring apathy. Far too frequently, some people believe that "my vote doesn't count" or "I'm not going to make a difference," when talking about politics. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Many races throughout history, whether local, statewide or even presidential, have been decided by as few as one vote per precinct or less. In nearly every election there are examples of races that are decided by just a handful of votes. Your vote counts and we are blessed with the opportunity to have our voices heard. There are so many people in this world that have no voice and their government is abusive and cannot be changed. In America we have the freedom to make changes -- and one of the most powerful ways to demonstrate this freedom is to vote.

In addition, voter apathy or a lack of participation only achieves what you do not want. It is important to remember that these elected officials are the ones who are creating federal, state, and local government laws and policies we all have to live under. We need an engaged citizenry to keep elected officials accountable and responsive.

This year, you should do yourself a favor. Don't watch the TV ads and don't listen to the radio ads. Instead, do your own research and then hold your elected officials accountable by going to the polls this Tuesday, November 7th. I hope to see you at the polls.

News of the Week

[Three Statewide Contests Could Go Either Way](#)

[Undecided Voters May Sway Key Races](#)

[First 5 Commission's Oversight Was Lax](#)

[LA Mayor's Control Comes at a Price](#)

[Health Care Reform Big Issue for 2007](#)

[Governor Honors Reagan](#)

[Prop 209 Taken On Nationally](#)

[Warrant Sweep in San Bernardino County](#)

polling location is.

Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters: http://www.lavote.net/voter/where_vote.htm

San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters:
<http://gis1.sbcounty.gov/vrlookup/presentation/chameleon/search.asp>

Ventura County Registrar of Voters: <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecidx.htm>

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